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IN RE APPLICATION OF Hirt, et al

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Examiner: Kuo-Liang Peng

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AMENDMENT - A

Sir:

**Election**

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, i.e., claims 1-12.

**Amendment**

Please cancel non-elected claims of Group II and Group III, i.e., claims 13-14 and claims 15-17 without prejudice.

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 9, line 3 before the words 'salt thereof' please delete the word 'suitable'.

On page 37, line 5 before "3C" please insert -- H --.